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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>		<b>Attorney Docket No.</b> 20341-73011	
		<b>First Inventor</b> Jeffrey Beaver	
		<b>Title</b> HINGE AND LOCKING ASSEMBLY FOR CENTER-FOLDING LADDER	
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